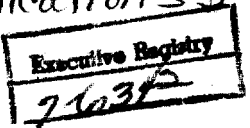


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Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, on September 7, 1955, received the Federal Communications Commission's approval of its applications for a cable landing license and authority to construct and operate a cable connecting the United States mainland with the Territory of Hawaii. Present planning contemplates completion of the installation during the latter part of 1957.

One factor considered essential to planning for utilization of the cable is, of course, a determination of the anticipated need by Government agencies for leased channels in the cable during a normal peace-time condition.

We shall greatly appreciate receiving an expression regarding any requirements that you may have during the period 1957-1960 for voice and/or telegraph channels between the United States and Hawaii terminals. The total estimated number of required channels in the voice and telegraph categories will be sufficient.

It is understood that any indication made at this time of your estimated needs for leased channels in the cable will not in any way commit your agency should unforeseen changes arise in your communications plans.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Flemming  
Director

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